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60. (new) The method of claim 55, wherein the underlayer is obtained by calendering.

REMARKS

Applicants submit this Preliminary Amendment together with an Appendix to Preliminary Amendment Dated January 8, 2002, and a patent application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b).

In this Preliminary Amendment, Applicants amend the title and add section headings, section subheadings, and an Abstract of the Disclosure to conform to U.S. practice. Additionally, Applicants add claims to the right of priority and benefit. Further, Applicants cancel, without prejudice or disclaimer, claims 2-30, and add new claims 31-60, which include the same subject matter as the original claims, to improve clarity. The originally-filed specification, claims, abstract, and drawings fully support the amendments to the specification and the addition of new claims 31-60. No new matter was introduced.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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APPENDIX TO PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT DATED JANUARY 8, 2002

Amendments to the Title

Please amend the title, as follows:

HIGH PERFORMANCE TYRE WITH TREAD BAND HAVING AN ANISOTROPIC
UNDERLAYER STABLE [UPON] WITH TEMPERATURE VARIATION

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